

CARDS

ON

SOUTH KOREA - S. RHEE

AND

RECENT SOVIET MOVES AGAINST
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ATTLEE

12 September 1954

SITUATION IN SOUTH KOREA

- I. Next 2-3 months likely to be critical.
 - A. Rhee resentful and emotionally disturbed over failure his visit.
 - B. Hoped to renew war or greatly increase military forces.
 - C. Wanted redirect American policy away from Japan.
 - D. Angry over US troop withdrawal, considers it "abandonment."
- II. Past 1 1/2 months, ROK general staff been preparing, on contingency basis, plan for renewing war.
 - A. Plan envisages small-scale attack by South Korean volunteers. UN intervention to be gained by asserting South Korea invaded.

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- V. South Korea may take some action against the NNSC before the UN convenes later this month.
 - A. Informed US on 1 September Korea to ask NNSC to leave within one week of notification. No date set.
 - B. If SK acts against NNSC with unofficial patriotic groups, difficult for US to insure security of NNSC members.
- VI. Possible these developments designed by Rhee for psychological pressure US. This his usual tactic to gain concessions, by later "co-operating."
 - A. Disturbing, however, because Rhee's resentful, agitated mood could result in dangerous and irrational conduct.

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